

## Wool Production and Value

Wool production in Wisconsin during 2005 totaled 490,000 pounds, down 2 percent from 2004. Weight per fleece averaged 7.3 pounds, up from 7.1 pounds from the previous year. During 2005, sheep shorn in Wisconsin totaled 67,000, a decrease of 4 percent from 2004. The average price for wool sold in 2005 was 30 cents per pound, unchanged from 2004. The value of production totaled \$147,000, down \$30,000 from 2004.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. The price paid for wool averaged 71 cents per pound for a total value of production of \$26.3 million, a drop of 12 percent from 2004.

Wool Production

Area and year	Number of sheep shorn	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound	Value production
	1,000 hd.	Pounds	1,000 lbs.	Dollars	1,000 dol.
<b>Wisconsin</b>					
2003	67	7.20	480	0.25	120
2004	70	7.10	500	0.30	150
2005	67	7.30	490	0.30	147
<b>United States</b>					
2003	5,074	7.55	38,299	0.73	28,126
2004	5,073	7.42	37,622	0.80	29,921
2005	5,072	7.34	37,232	0.71	26,272

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

## Goat Inventory

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.35 million head and market goats were 471,800 head. On January 1, 2006, meat goats (and goats other than milk and angora) totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Milk goats in the U.S. totaled 288,000 on January 1, 2006, an increase of 1 percent from 2005. Nationwide, there were 278,000 Angora goats, down 1 percent from last year. The 2005 kid crop was 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004. Mohair production in the United States during 2005 was 1.82 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 273,000. Average weight per clip was 6.7 pounds. Mohair price averaged \$2.78 per pound, and the total value of production was \$5.07 million.

On January 1, 2006, Wisconsin's inventory of milk goats in Wisconsin totaled 30,000 head, an increase of 7 percent from 2004. Wisconsin tied Texas for second place in the number of milk goats. California led the nation with 31,000 head. Wisconsin's meat and other goats totaled 10,300 head, up 5 percent from 2004. Statewide, there were 1,000 Angora goats.